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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a result of your letter of January 31, 1979, we have been in close communication with members of the Committee staff, and have also been in touch with our Embassy in Georgetown, Guyana. Our Ambassador in Georgetown is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Burnham on March 3 to deliver a letter from you requesting agreement to members of the Committee staff traveling to Guyana to interview Guyanese Government officials and others. He will also inform the Prime Minister of some of the people whom the Committee staff wish to interview. Once the Prime Minister's agreement in principle has been obtained, I understand detailed procedures for conducting the interviews will be worked out between the Committee staff and the Embassy of Guyana here in Washington.

I trust this initiative will produce the desired results and lead to an early conclusion of the Committee staff investigation of the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Congressman Leo J. Ryan.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

The Honorable
Clement J. Zablocki,
Chairman, Committee on ~~International Relations~~ Foreign Affairs,
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January 31, 1979

ACTION
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ARA

Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The staff investigation of Congressman Ryan's murder in Guyana has reached the point where it may be necessary to interview, both here and abroad, a number of Guyanese officials. This effort will require the cooperation of the Department. I would, therefore, appreciate your suggestions as to how best to coordinate this stage of the investigation with appropriate Department officials.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

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